

# VDEI NEWS

Victorian  
Deaf Education  
Institute



## A message from our director



Happy New Year colleagues and friends!

The Victorian Deaf Education Institute (VDEI) remains steadfastly committed to inclusive, transformative education for children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing in Victoria.

VDEI's 2016 Professional Learning Program achieved one hundred percent of its targets. Almost 4,200 hours of professional learning was received by more than 870 participants with government schools the largest recipients of the learning.

The sector's 2016 preferred learning modality was via 2-hour twilight sessions followed by 7-hour full-day workshops. For an easy to understand infographic detailing VDEI's 2016 Professional Learning statistics [click here](#)

VDEI's 2017 Professional Learning Program has been strategically planned to support school professionals and allied health practitioners serving children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families in Victoria. Learning opportunities were informed through four streams of evidence: 1) post event evaluations, 2) online learning needs analysis survey, 3) focus groups, and 4) peer-reviewed journal articles. I am confident that you will find a professional learning opportunity to suit your needs. Also, be sure to watch out for an announcement regarding two online, on-demand courses that VDEI will launch in 2017. For an overview of VDEI's 2017 Professional Learning Program [click here](#)

On a personal note, after three exciting and rewarding years with the Department of Education and Training Victoria, I am leaving VDEI. It has been a privilege to serve as the VDEI Director. I feel honoured to have been chosen as the executive responsible for the Program for Students with Disabilities Review and the Building Teacher Capability for Inclusive Education project; both were embedded in complicated environments and required the interrogation of complex issues using large-scale qualitative and quantitative data to facilitate improved inclusive education excellence.

I am grateful to the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the Program for Students with Disabilities teams for their unwavering support of me in my pursuit of inclusive education excellence. As of 28 January, you can stay in touch with me via LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jill-duncan>

With every best wish  
Dr Jill Duncan

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## 2016 Professional Learning Program Data

Each year VDEI collects data relating to participation in its professional learning program. This data provides VDEI with valuable information that is essential for future planning and ongoing improvement to VDEI's provision of professional learning. The charts below depict information that was collected in 2016.

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## Expression of Interest for Research Participants Australia Wide

VDEI and the University of Melbourne are collaborating on research entitled, “**Educational support for students with significant hearing loss: Policy and practice**”. We seek a range of research participants including, speech pathologists, parents, teachers of the deaf, mainstream teachers, special educators, Auslan support persons (e.g. interpreters, Auslan role models) who are currently supporting students with hearing loss within an educational setting in Australia, and also past students over 18 years, to participate in the study. [Read More](#)

## Professional Learning



### ASLIA Victoria Conference 2017

Presenter: Doug Bowen-Bailey

Date: Weds 25 January 2017

Time: 9am-4pm

Cost: \$30 ASLIA members

\$55 Non members

(Registration from 8.30am)

[More Information](#)



### Using C-Print Technology in Schools

Twilight Session

Presenters: Marie Fram and Daryl Burns

Date & Time: 5pm - 7pm

Cost: No charge

(Registration from 4.30pm)

[More Information](#)



### Assessing Auslan Development Tool Training

Three Day Workshop

Presenters: Michelle Baker and Sally Strobridge

Date: Monday-Wednesday 20,21,22 March 2017

Time: 9pm-4pm

[More Information](#)

## 2017 Professional Learning Snapshot

Want to see what's happening at VDEI in 2017?

[View and download our 2017 Professional Learning Snapshot](#)



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